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COVID Isolation Care Centre opens in Gokulam

Dr. M.R. Aiyappa** (extreme left) **of Brindavan Hospital briefing MP Pratap Simha** (extreme right) **about the facilities available at the new COVID Isolation Care Centre in city this morning. Picture right shows the International Youth Hostel-Mysuru building where 64-bed COVID Isolation Care Centre has been set up.

Mysuru, May 3 (RKB&DM)- Adding one more COVID Care facility in city, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha inaugurated a 64-bed Isolation Care Centre at International Youth Hostel building in Gokulam here this morning.

The Centre, headed by Physician Dr. M.R. Aiyappa, will have three other doctors, 6 staff nurses and 6 house-keeping staff.

Speaking on the occasion, Pratap Simha said that the International Youth Hostel - Mysuru has been converted into a 64-bed COVID Isolation Care Centre in association with city's Spandana Hospital and Brindavan Hospital.

Noting that basic medication and Physiotherapy will be provided for COVID patients with mild symptoms, he said that 8 rooms and 16 dormitories at the Hostel have been used for setting up the beds and added that the Centre is meant for those who do not have or cannot afford home isolation. Stating that supplementary oxygen will be stored at this Centre to meet emergency requirements, he thanked MUDA for its support in setting up the Centre. The MP appealed the people not to be hesitant for getting tested, treated and vaccinated for the deadly virus, which is causing havoc across the globe.

Referring to the death of 24 patients in the last 24 hours allegedly due to shortage of oxygen cylinders at Chamarajanagar District Hospital, Pratap Simha said that the deaths were most unfortunate.

Rebutting allegations that Mysuru District Administration had blocked oxygen supplies to Chamarajanagar, Simha said that Chamarajanagar was once part of Mysuru district and that he spoke to Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner yesterday morning after coming to know from media about severe oxygen shortage in that district.

Later, he (Simha) took great pains to dispatch a total of 145 cylinders supplied by Mysuru's Southern Gas Private Ltd., in three batches (15+60+70 cylinders) to Chamarajanagar yesterday itself, he maintained.

(See COVID on page 12)

MCC hunts for new sites for cremation, burial

Mysuru, May 3 (MTY&SSV)- Long queues of dead bodies in ambulances and hearses outside major crematoriums are becoming a familiar scene in bigger cities like Bengaluru as the State Capital is reporting increasing number of COVID deaths. Though the situation is not as grim in Mysuru, unabated death of people here has forced the authorities of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to look out for new crematoriums and burial grounds.

With 150 deaths in the last three weeks, the MCC is searching for new spaces to cremate or bury victims. Not ready to come under severe criticism like the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for mishandling cremations and burials, MCC is frantically searching for bigger areas for the last rites and also well-equipping the existing ones in case the death graph increases.

To check crowding at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar, the new electric crematorium at Jayanagar was opened two to three days back to accommodate more bodies. The gas crematorium at Harishchandra Ghat at the foot of Chamundi Hill is also functional to handle more number of bodies. Besides, the Jodi Thenginamara Road burial ground has been thoroughly cleaned and readied

(See MCC on page 12)

Funeral of COVID-19 victims: MCC sets up

HELPLINE

In an effort to aid in the process of transporting the bodies of COVID-19 victims for cremation, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has set up the following Helpline numbers:

94498-41195
94498-41196
0821-2418800

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 3rd May 2021

'Devara Kanasu' chosen

for Cannes International Film Festival

A still from the film Devara Kanasu

Bengaluru, May 3- Kannada film *Devara Kanasu*, Directed by Suresh Lakkoor, has been selected for screening at France's Cannes International Film Festival. It is the only Kannada film to be selected for this year's festival scheduled between July 7 and 14.

The movie, involving two children, deals with contemporary social issues that haunt rural areas in Karnataka. "We submitted the film to the committee about 10 days ago and received communication about its screening two days ago," Lakkoor, who has undergone training at New York Film Academy said.

"It has been submitted to five other reputed international film festivals outside India. It will be released in Karnataka, depending on the COVID situation, after its screening in Cannes," he said. Technicians from West Bengal, Kerala, Delhi and Mumbai have worked for the film.

Shooting for the movie was done for 29 days in Chikkaballapur District. Lakkoor had earlier worked for the 'Crazy Star' Ravichandran-starrer *Drishya* (2014), a remake of the Malayalam runaway hit *Drishyam*.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The month of April has been bad for so many of India's Olympic hopefuls and ones who have already punched their tickets. With COVID-19 ravaging across India, the athletes, just like hundreds of thousands of compatriots from other fields, have suffered big losses. Some of them have lost their parents. Others found out they cannot travel to Olympic qualifiers, rendering their struggle across the last five years almost meaningless. A few have tested positive for the virus, thus putting a halt on their training sessions. It's this class of athletes that stands to lose out a lot between now and the Olympics, purely from a competitive perspective.

Something that is absolutely unhealthy for their minds as well as their bodies for a number of reasons. They lose that edge, the muscles could become weak and it takes months to build whatever they lost within a week. This is even before you get into the actual health aspect. Their heart rates need to be constantly monitored and some of them could need dedicated training programmes after COVID to help them recover. Even then, some develop COVID-related complexities. Even if you are not positive, for a sportsperson, losing one day ahead of an event like the Olympics is lethal. Your preparation will be pushed back by a month. And that lingering doubt behind your back would start haunting you. — *In The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Zapatistas plan to cross the Atlantic to invade Spain

Mexico City: A group of seven Zapatistas, indigenous Mexcian revolutionaries, is getting ready to set sale across the Atlantic ocean in an attempt to peacefully invade Spain and mark the 500-year anniversary of the Spanish conquest.

On May 3rd, the Zapatista's conquering force – three men, three women and a transgender woman – will leave Mexican soil aboard a wooden boat named "La Montana", or "The Mountain", hoping to reach Spain by August 13, the day that the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan fell to the Spanish conquistadors in 1521. Only instead of drowning the land in blood, like the conquistadors, the Zapatistas are planning a peaceful takeover that even includes a party upon their arrival.

It's not clear how the Zapatistas plan to make the journey across the Atlantic in wooden canoes, but then again, the whole invasion mission seems a bit weird.

Machine Gun Woodpecker lives up to its nickname

New York: Male and female Northern Flickers are popularly known as "machine gun woodpeckers" because of the sound they make when hitting their beak on metal, which sounds a lot like the sound of a real machine gun.

The Northern Flicker is a woodpecker native to most of North America, parts of Central America, Cuba, and the Cayman Islands. It is 7 to 15 inches long , with a brown, barred back and black spotted under-parts. From early spring and into midsummer, this bird likes to make its presence felt by making a loud, evenly spaced, rapid drumming sound by hammering their beaks against metallic surfaces.

This sound is both a mating call and a way to establish territory, but to the human ear it sounds just like a machine gun, hence the bird's nickname, machine gun woodpecker.

HEALTH CAPSULE

After family planning surgery is a permanent procedure, couple cannot conceive again if they change their mind.

• Family planning surgery usually involves cutting portion of the tubes on both sides. • Surgery for reversal of the tubal block can be done. However, in older women, IVF is an optimal option.

***Dr. Nivedita Shetty** - Chief of Reproductive Medicine & IVF*

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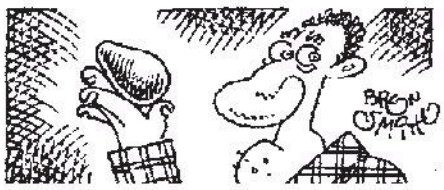

Don't worry about the fat content of avocados. They contain mono-unsaturated fat, a healthy fat. It won't raise your cholesterol level, and it's beneficial to the heart. The only downside of avocados is their high calorie content: 300 calories for a whole avocado.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAY 1	MAY 2
Day's Positive Cases	2,529	2,750
Total Positive Cases	79,304	82,054
Day's Discharges	1,424	1,126
Total Discharges	66,219	67,345
Day's Deaths	7	8
Total Deaths	1,212	1,220
Total Active Cases	11,873	13,489

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Training in Administrative Tribunal for ST Law grads

Mysuru, May 3- Applications have been invited from the Scheduled Caste Welfare Department, to train Law graduates of Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities in the Administrative Tribunal, for the academic year 2021-22.

Eligible candidates can avail the application forms from the office of the Project Coordinator of the Integrated Tribal Development Project, at Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, on Valmiki Road, Paduvarahalli, Vontikoppal in Mysuru, and apply online before June 30, on *www.tw.kar.nic.in.*

For details call Ph: 0821-2427140 or 0821-2411113, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- ***A person that plays the flute may be referred to as a flautist, a flutist, a flute player, and less commonly as a fluter or flutenist.***
- ***The earliest written reference of the flute dates back to 2600-2700 BC.***
- ***Some famous flautists you may not have known about include; Halle Berry, Alanis Morissette, Gwen Stefani, Tina Fey, and Leonardo Da Vinci.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Child: *God, please I don't want Third World War.*
Mother: *Why? You love your country so much?*
Child: *No, I am weak in history. I can't study another War !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.20
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.60
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.20
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.32

VOICE OF THE READER

Payment of MUDA property tax: Some suggestions

Sir,

I along with my father aged about 82 years went to the MUDA Office for payment of property tax for the year 2021-22. When we went there only one counter was open inside the Office building.

The security guards instructed us to join the queue which had followed social distancing but it was moving slowly. Citizens had come for payment of taxes for sites, houses etc.

Suddenly one official came and opened one more counter outside the Office building. Immediately, those who were in line rushed to that counter ignoring social distancing. Later that official said he will issue challans only for house tax and e-khata holders.

This created confusion among the citizens since those who went to that counter thinking for faster payment of taxes included citizens for payment of site taxes also.

After a couple of minutes one lady higher official came and started scolding citizens for not maintaining social distance, though her concern is appreciable and understandable considering the current COVID situation, but she continued to say who told you all to come, we have extended the time to pay tax without interest.

Then the security guards started to bring the scattered queue in order. As per the words of the lady official, time is given to pay tax but she also should understand that option to payment of tax is not cancelled.

My question is why cannot MUDA stop receiving tax payments till COVID Curfew is over? I was not aware of the time extension given for payment of tax. I suggest MUDA to:

1. Give publicity regarding the decision to extend time up to 31st March.

2. Make queues as per the arrangements made by them before opening counters or when citizens start to join queues without knowing the type of tax challans being given at the respective counters queue.

3. Display a notice in all the counters about the type of taxes being collected.

This will reduce confusion, time, avoid frustration and unnecessary arguments between officials and citizens.

—Srinivas Sharma

Mysuru
28.4.2021

Will MCC re-examine property tax hike?

Sir,

We wish to appeal to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to re-examine various cost components considered in computing the property tax for this financial year. There has been a steep increase in the property tax which has caused tremendous amount of financial hardship to the property owners and more so, during this difficult period of pandemic.

It was announced by the MCC that they are effecting 15% increase in the property tax in this financial year but in reality, it has been almost 50% over the last year.

Many cost factors for computing the property tax have been increased irrationally by MCC without any prior information to the property owners. The EMV for land has been increased from Rs. 1,000 to Rs.4,162 per sq.ft and similarly there is a hike in the slab rate for building from Rs. 560 to Rs.1,365 per sq.ft. Even though the rate applicable for tax is reduced to 25%, still it is 20% higher than what was considered in the last financial year.

Surprisingly, from this financial year, MCC has also initiated collection of tax for the Open Land area uncovered inside the compound wall and the tax is applicable to all those having more than 1,000 sq.ft area which is substantial.

As such the tax on open area around the house is inconceivable and as we comprehend, it was payable only by the vacant site owners earlier.

There are some additional new garden and cemetery cess that have also been levied from this year and most likely to continue in future too. We earnestly appeal to the civic authorities to re-look at these additional taxes/ cess and streamline or readjust the excess amount paid this year from the next year's property tax.

—Susheel Kumar

Mysuru 23.4.2021

DC visits War Room at midnight to check COVID preparedness

Mysuru, May 3 (SPN&SSV)- In the wake of surge in COVID-19 cases in Mysuru, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri paid a surprise visit to the COVID War Room located at the new DC Office complex on Mysuru-Bannur Road in Siddarthanagar during midnight to see its functioning.

She has been visiting the War Room for the last few days and even receiving telephone calls from the general public besides giving guidance to them.

Many a times, the relatives of COVID positive patients are tensed and they have been counselled by the DC herself. Even the staff of War Room have received many suggestions from her. On occasions, she has directly called the patients' relatives to get first-hand information about the line of treatment. Many citizens have been awestruck when she introduced herself as the Deputy Commissioner and collected information from them on COVID care.

Upon receiving calls from her, even officials have stumbled to reply to her queries. Some Officers have been advised to correct themselves with their replies to her.

The DC's surprise visit to the War Room during midnights and giving suggestions to the staff has been widely appreciated by volunteers working in night shift at the War Room.

Govt. Officer turns ambulance driver, wins hearts

Anil Christy

Good Samaritan Anil Christy at the wheels.

Mysuru, May 3 (MTY&SSV) - At a time when loved ones are made to do arrangements on their own to shift the dead bodies of COVID victims and at a time when some ambulance drivers in other cities have turned gold-diggers by extracting money from hapless relatives to shift bodies, here is a Government Officer who himself turned an ambulance driver to shift the dead to the crematorium.

This Good Samaritan is **Anil Christy, Births and Deaths Statistical Officer, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC),** who is one among three Nodal Officers who were made in-charge of disposal of COVID victims' bodies in city. His act has won the appreciation of Mysureans as well as Senior Government Officers. This is not the first time the Officer is showing such kindness as his team of dedicated officers had performed many last rites in the first wave of the pandemic.

Two days ago, Ravi, an ambulance driver working at K.R.Hospital, fell sick after shifting the bodies from hospital to burial grounds and crematoriums. Coming to know about this, Christy asked Ravi to take rest. As the driver was indisposed, there was none to shift the bodies from hospital mortuary to the places of last rites.

A group of villagers, who had lost their family members, were waiting for someone to shift the dead bodies to crematorium. They were disappointed as they had to wait for a long time to perform the last rites of their deceased family member.

Seeing their plight, Christy decided to help them and without second thoughts, he wore a PPE kit, collected the bodies from hospital mortuaries and donned the role of ambulance driver till the crematoriums. His timely action was appreciated by Senior District Officers and citizens.

"As ambulance driver Ravi had certain health issues and he could not drive the ambulance I took to wheels as some people were waiting for the dead bodies. I drove four trips," Christy said.

NEWS BRIEFS

EC postpones publication of draft voter list for ZP, TP polls

Due to spurge in Corona cases and COVID Curfew in place, the State Election Commission (EC) has deferred the publication of the draft electoral list for ZP and TP polls to May 15. The EC was earlier scheduled to publish the draft voters list on Apr. 30. However, there are no other changes in the process related to the polls, according to a circular issued by the Under Secretary of the Election Commission.

Animal adoption

The following individuals / institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: Rotary Mysore Mid Town, Mysuru - Brahminy Kite (Rs. 10,000), G.T. Sriranga, Mysuru - Four-Horned Antelope (Rs. 5,000), Sanika Rajesh, Bengaluru - Common Palm Civet (Rs. 5,000), K.L. Madhusudhan, Kunigal - Hamadryas Baboon (Rs. 10,000) and Ananda Mathur, Bengaluru - Grey Wolf (Rs. 20,000).

Ph.D awardee

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi has awarded Ph.D in Management to Pooja Nagpal for her thesis 'Employee Engagement and Organizational Commitment in Selected IT Firms' [Guide: Dr. A. C. Kiran Kumar].

Hunger Heroes - Serpentine queues even before free food counters open

Many donors come forward to donate cooked food packets to ease hunger pangs

Mysuru, May 3 (RKB&BCT)- Times of crisis brings out the best in us. As Karnataka goes through the COVID-induced curfew till May 12, every day people are turning into real life heroes — who are ensuring that the poor, migrant labourers and daily wage workers get food.

With no work to do, no savings due to hand-to-mouth existence and an abrupt end to daily income, these people are often found near bus stands, hospitals and also bus shelters where they sleep over in cold nights. Their struggle to find food every day is moving and NGOs like Akshaya Aahara Foundation become their saviours by providing them three-time meal every day.

On any other normal day, these workers find work — mostly hard manual labour like lifting sacks and containers — in markets and warehouses. But due to the curfew, their lone source of income is cut off. They come to Mysuru every day in search of work and ever since the curfew was declared, they are unable to go back to their homes as there is no public transport.

With no money even to eat, they can hardly find any money to pay for other modes of transport and as such they prefer to sleep in front of shops and in the bus shelters. Without money and fearing starvation, they queue up before the free food counters opened by various voluntary organisations including the Akshaya Aahara Foundation.

The Foundation has set up counters near K.R. Hospital Circle, City Railway Station and Jaganmohan Palace. Interestingly, queues can be found in front of these counters even before food arrives. Healthy and hygienic food is provided by the Foundation three times a day. While breakfast is served at 8.30 am, lunch is at 12.30 pm and dinner is served at 7.30 pm.

As the curfew began in Mysuru, the word about the free food had not spread and there were limited crowds to eat the food supplied by the Foundation. But now, thanks to the word of mouth and photo-reports in *Star of Mysore* and its sister concern *Mysooru Mithra*, most migrant labourers, daily wagers and even attendees of patients at K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital visit the counters to have a grub.

Donors pitch in

Each day, food is cooked for 1,500 people three times a day and yesterday, the Foundation served *Bisi-Bele-Bath, Pulav, Chitranna* and *Anna Sambar*. Following reports in *SOM*, several donors have come forward to donate food packets to the Foundation.

Hema Rao, a resident of Srirampura who runs Indi Food is supplying over 50 food packets, 200 cooked food packets by Prakash Jewellers, a State Government employee who works in Bengaluru Auditor General Office (wants to remain anonymous) is donating 50 packets daily and Mansur, a city resident is donating 500 packets of Veg *Pulav* daily. The Foundation is distributing the donated food at slums at Sainagar and Yellamma Colony.

Shwetha, a resident of Tilaknagar is distributing over 50 packets of cooked food along with her brothers Chethan and Kiran near K.R. Hospital. She is doing this on her own and has been easing hunger pangs of migrants.

Following increased food consumers, the Foundation has taken steps to enforce social distancing measures. Even the food has variety and not monotonous. The menu includes *Upma, Puliyogare, Chitranna, Bisi-Bele-Bath,* Rice Bath, Curd Rice and even a sweet dish. Apart from distributing free food at the counters, the Foundation also feeds target groups at slums, hospitals, bus stands, railway stations and other areas where economically weaker sections live.

Two vehicles donated for COVID Care Centre

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	93.35 feet
Yesterday	:	93.52 feet
Inflow	:	131 cusecs
Outflow	:	421 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2259.53 feet
Inflow	:	126 cusecs
Outflow	:	775 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,819.72 feet
Inflow	:	213 cusecs
Outflow	:	100 cusecs

Mysuru, May 3 (PM&DM)- With the deadly Coronavirus causing widespread havoc across the country, K.R. Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh has donated an Ambulance and a Hearse for COVID Care Centre at K.R. Nagar.

Addressing a press meet at his Office near Ramavilas Road here yesterday morning, S.R. Mahesh lashed out at District Minister S.T. Somashekar and Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri for failure to check the spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic in the second wave of virus attack.

Maintaining that the two had failed in taking early measures such as appointment of doctors and other medical staff to stem the spread of the virus, Mahesh blamed the failure of the district administration for the rising number of COVID deaths in the district.

Announcing that he has donated two vehicles — an Ambulance, costing Rs. 14 lakh and a Hearse vehicle, to COVID Care Centre at K.R. Nagar under the aegis of Sa.Ra. Sneha Balaga, Mahesh said that he has appointed three doctors to take care of the centre at a monthly salary of Rs. 1 lakh each out of his own.

He further said that he will soon make arrangements for setting up an additional 200-bed facility at K.R. Nagar at a building in the Town.

Former Deputy Mayor Shailendra, former Corporator K.V. Mallesh and others were present at the press meet.

24 COVID patients die in Chamarajanagar

Patient relatives allege mismanagement; CM calls for emergency meeting tomorrow

Chamarajanagar, May 3 (SS&BCT)-Over 24 COVID-19 patients died in Chamarajanagar and according to the District Administration as many as 12 patients died due to lack of oxygen as the hospital ran short of supply of the critical gas and other patients died due to various co-morbidities. The deaths occurred at COVID-19 Health Centre in the District where the patients were being treated.

The District Administration has also said that only a proper death audit would reveal whether the patients died due to oxygen shortage or due to other reasons. Following the deaths, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has asked Chamarajanagar District Minister Suresh Kumar and Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar to rush to the District and take stock of the situation.

The State Government has ordered a probe into the deaths and has asked senior IAS Officer and KSRTC Managing Director Shivayogi Kalasad to investigate and submit a report within three days. The Chief Minister has also summoned an emergency meeting tomorrow (May 4) evening in the backdrop of Chamarajanagar incident and severe shortage of oxygen across Karnataka.

There are 24 ventilators, 53 ICU beds and 55 oxygenated beds in Chamarajanagar and last midnight, several patients called up their relatives over phone to report oxygen shortage. A relative of a journalist called up the scribe at around 12.30 am and said that patients were gasping for breath and several patient attendees repeatedly waved towels inside the wards in a desperate attempt to produce fresh air.

Security beefed up at COVID-19 Health Centre in Chamarajanagar this morning.

MP Pratap Simha mobilises Oxygen

This, however, did not help. The journalist then alerted Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha who used his good offices and rushed 50 jumbo oxygen cylinders in coordination with Mysuru Additional DC Manjunathaswamy to Chamarajanagar and the cylinders landed at 2.30 am. However, by the time oxygen cylinders arrived at the hospital, 12 deaths were reported.

Hospital authorities told *Star of Mysore* on condition of anonymity that more deaths could have occurred if the 50 cylinders sent by Pratap Simha had not arrived.

Delay in supply: Chamarajanagar DC

Initially, the Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.R. Ravi stated that oxygen cylinders to the District were supplied from Mysuru and there was a shortage as the Mysuru District authorities delayed the supplies. "Several COVID and non-COVID patients have died and there was a delay in oxygen supply from Mysuru. The deaths have occurred due to a combination of COVID infections and oxygen shortage," the DC said.

No delay: Mysuru DC

Moments after this statement, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri clarified that there was no delay in oxygen supplies. In a media statement through the District Information Department, the DC has said that till last night 12.30, 250 oxygen cylinders were sent to Chamarajanagar from Mysuru.

"Liquid Oxygen had to come to Chamarajanagar from Ballari and we are not sure if that consignment has come or not. As per the request from Chamarajanagar, oxygen cylinders have been sent from Mysuru on humanitarian grounds. There has been no delay in oxygen supply from Mysuru and we have a record that supports our claim that 210 cylinders were sent from Southern Gas, Mysuru and 40 oxygen cylinders were sent from Mysuru District Hospital," the DC's statement said.

New oxygen plant

Chamarajanagar Hospital sources said that last Friday, a Liquid Medical Oxygen plant was inaugurated at the hospital but the plant can store oxygen that can cater to the needs of the patients only for two days. The 6,000-litre capacity oxygen plant on the hospital premises can sustain the oxygen needs for 1.5 days, and they ran out last evening.

Meanwhile, family members and patient relatives who reached the Chamarajanagar hospital were inconsolable on hearing the news of deaths due to oxygen shortage. They alleged mismanagement on the part of the administration and the elected representatives. The relatives alleged that there is a severe shortage of ambulances to even carry the dead to the crematoriums.

MLA Puttarangashetty who arrived at the hospital along with DC Dr. Ravi was mobbed by the relatives of the patients who alleged negligence. Later speaking to newsmen, Puttarangashetty alleged that oxygen shortage led to the death of many patients. "They died due to lack of oxygen. I am in touch with the State Chief Secretary and I am demanding that Chamarajanagar's quota of oxygen supplies, medical equipment and ambulances must be fulfilled immediately," he said.

Not all deaths due to oxygen shortage: Chamarajanagar DC

Chamarajanagar, May 3 (SS & BCT)- As the reports of over 24 patients dying due to alleged oxygen shortage, Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.R. Ravi appealed to the media not to portray the COVID deaths due to lack of oxygen.

"A total of 24 deaths have happened between Sunday morning and Monday (today) morning. While 23 have died in the district hospital, one person has died at Holy Cross hospital, Kamagere. We cannot say that all patients have died due to lack of oxygen." Doctors at the district hospital confirmed that 12 deaths were due to shortage of oxygen while others succumbed to various co-morbid conditions," the DC clarified.

"Up to last midnight, 14 deaths were reported, three deaths till 3 am and 7 deaths up to today morning 7 am. Of the 24 patients who died, 18 were in critical condition even before reaching the hospital. While 23 patients were on ventilator support, 70 oxygen cylinders were supplied from 10.30 pm to 00.30 hours and 60 cylinders reached Chamarajanagar in the morning. However, it is showcased as death caused due to lack of oxygen," Dr. Ravi claimed.

Minister, MP react

Chamarajanagar District Minister S. Suresh Kumar, who is rushing to the District along with Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar, told reporters in Bengaluru that he had visited the District and had taken stock of the situation.

"Every life is precious and any death brings us intense grief. We have sought report on the deaths and the audit report is likely to come by today afternoon. We will initiate action against whoever is responsible for this." Suresh Kumar said. The Minister also pointed that in most of the cases people were coming to the hospital at the last stage and not all deaths have occurred due to oxygen shortage.

Meanwhile, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, who ensured that 50 oxygen cylinders were rushed to Chamarajanagar last midnight, told reporters in Mysuru his morning that the deaths in Chamarajanagar hospital was unfortunate. "The Chamarajanagar District Administration could have been more cautious regarding oxygen supplies and requirement. I learnt about the shortage through my media contacts in Mysuru and immediately 50 jumbo cylinders were rushed there," he said.

State COVID-19 Task Force reconstituted

Dy.CM Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan is new Chairman

Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan

Bengaluru, May 3 - Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa has reconstituted the COVID-19 Task Force and appointed Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan as the new Chairman of the Task Force.

The Task Force has the objective of examining the measures taken to contain the surge of the pandemic and creating awareness among the public with regard to COVID-19 management.

Earlier, the Task Force was headed by Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol.

Suresh Kumar, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, C.C. Patil, Minister of Information and Public Relations and Dr. K. Sudhakar, Minister for Health and Medical Education work as Members of the Task Force.

The Chief Secretary to the Government, Additional Chief Secretary (Department of Health & Family Welfare) and the Principal Secretary (Department of Medical Education) will assist in providing the relevant information to the Task Force.

For youths of Maartalli in Chamarajanagar

Serving NATION is Serving GOD

Army Association Trust in remote village trains youths to enrol in Armed Forces

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

If Maartalli in Chamarajanagar District bordering Tamil Nadu rings a bell in the ears thanks to forest brigand Veerappan menace and the infamous Kichguth Maramma Temple mass food poisoning tragedy, a group of ex-servicemen is striving hard to erase the blemish or call it a black mark acquired by the village knowingly or unknowingly.

The group of soldiers want to regain Maartalli's distinction by producing a large number of soldiers and contributing substantially to the Armed Forces. Since ages, the village — one of the backward areas of Karnataka — has produced hundreds of soldiers and serving the nation is next to Godliness — serving the Nation is like serving God.

Visit the village at any given time and during any season, you find at least a hundred soldiers — serving ones and retired. It is called "Yodhara Grama" (Soldiers' Village). The love or call it passion to join the Armed Forces has come as a hereditary quality for many. Ask a majority of teens at Maartalli, they will tell you that they want to join the Army.

ARMY IS A RELIGION

Armed Force is a religion for the villagers here that has 70 percent Christians and 30 percent Hindus and Muslims. Even by a conservative estimate, Maartalli has 65 retired Army men and 45 serving members. The village went into notoriety after it contributed many men to the gang of brigand Veerappan who had spread terror in the woods belonging to Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for decades.

Maartalli falls in the belt where forest brigand Veerappan was active. It is a different story that the brigand has been killed now and most of his gang members are either dead or in jail or have chosen the path of reformation. But the blemish Maartalli has got after many of its children joining the brigand gang would take some time to be erased in public memory.

PARTICIPATION IN MAJOR WARS

Soldiers from Maartalli have fought in major wars including the Indo-Pakistan war of 1965, the Bangladesh war of 1972, Operation Blue Star in Golden Temple, Punjab in 1984 and the Kargil War in 1999. Many of them have made the supreme sacrifice and have received heroic reception when their dead bodies were flown into the village.

Maartalli earlier was a part of Madras (Erode) Regiment of the Indian Army and it is the biggest village between Kollegal and Male Mahadeshwara Hill. After the Karnataka State was created, Maartalli came to Karnataka's share. Predominantly, Christians live in this village and the place has sizable number of priests, nuns, teachers, Police Constables, backhoe operators and even people who have expertise in working in mines and quarries. One of the motivating factors for many people joining the Army from Maartalli is that Chamarajanagar is counted among the backward districts in Karnataka and getting a job is not easy unless one takes up agriculture. Taking up farming too is difficult in the absence of rains and the district is drought-prone. That's why many youths prefer to join the Armed Forces — necessity, combined with passion.

EXCLUSIVE TRUST FORMED

Now the same passion is being rekindled by a group of retired soldiers who have opened a training centre to train Army-aspiring youths. Over 65 enthusiastic youths are presently undergoing rigorous training at the centre and the village will soon regain its glory as the "Yodhara Grama." Soldiers from Maartalli have served in Madras Regiment, Maratha Regiment, Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers and Madras Engineering Group.

The training to aspiring Army soldiers is being offered by **Army Association Trust,** functioning under the guidance of **Senior KAS Officer and former Chamarajanagar Additional Deputy Commissioner C.L. Ananda,** himself an ex-servicemen having served the nation for over 15 years. The Trust is run with the financial contribution made by retired soldiers and the ones who are serving the Armed Forces.

The Trust has taken one acre of land near Sulwadi Government Hospital for a lease of Rs. 2 lakh and has been training youths from Maartalli, Jaageri, Kaudalli, Jallipaalya and surrounding villages. Five ex-servicemen are providing the training — predominantly physical — to meet the Army standards.

MILITARY CAMP-LIKE STRUCTURE

THE FIVESOME FROM LEFT: ***Maria Joseph, Madalaimuthu, Manikam, David Rajkumar and Arun Kumar.***

While retired Subedar Maria Joseph manages the training centre, retired Havildars Arun Kumar, Manikam, Madalaimuthu and David Rajkumar are taking charge of the training. Not only this, even soldiers who come to Maartalli on leave too train the aspirants.

Military camp-like structures have been set up at the land and the training is being provided on all days of the week from 6 am till late in the evening with a Sunday holiday. Tasks of the training include crossing the obstacles, 9-ft ditch jump, scaling and alighting the vertical rope, horizontal rope, zigzag balance and crawling. An hour's briefing is held daily to improve the mental skills of the aspirants like they do in the Army.

LOOKING FOR DONORS

The youths, who are being trained are between the age groups of 17 - 25 years and have been divided into general duty, technical, clerical and territorial army. After training, the trainees will be taken to various recruitment rallies. To provide basic facilities to the trainees, daily 100 litres of water is being purchased.

"We are looking for donors to donate money for this cause. The Trust will soon get a five-acre land and a proposal has been sent to Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner by C.L. Ananda," said Maria Joseph.

Ananda said that though many people want to join the Armed Forces, they lack suitable guidance and training. "The Army Association Trust is doing good work in this regard and very soon, the village of Maartalli will be a Yodhara Grama in true sense," he added ▪

C.L. Ananda** (sitting) **seen with Army Trust members.

SHAURYA CHAKRA: A rare distinction

Among the Army-men from Maartalli, who have achieved stellar performance while defending the nation from terror groups, infiltrators and enemy soldiers, is **Lance Havildar Luis Periyanayagam** who has been decorated with Shaurya Chakra at the Defence Investiture Ceremony held on Apr. 26, 2010 at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. The award was conferred on Luis Periyanayagam by the then President Prathiba Patil.

He hails from Sandanapalya village near Maartalli and was born to Rajamanikyam and Mariamadalena couple. The family depended on agriculture and theirs was a hand-to-mouth existence. To supplement the family income, Luis Periyanayagam used to work in quarries, breaking stones and at the same time continued his education.

He joined the Army in 1995 and his first posting was in Jammu and Kashmir. When he was 36, he fought a group of terrorists on Dec. 18, 2018 in Jammu and Kashmir amidst biting cold and foiled the infiltration attempt by killing the terrorists.

Luis Periyanayagam was later appointed as Junior Commissioned Officer and served in Uri sector in Jammu and Kashmir. At present, he is serving in Hassan at 15 Karnataka Battalion NCC.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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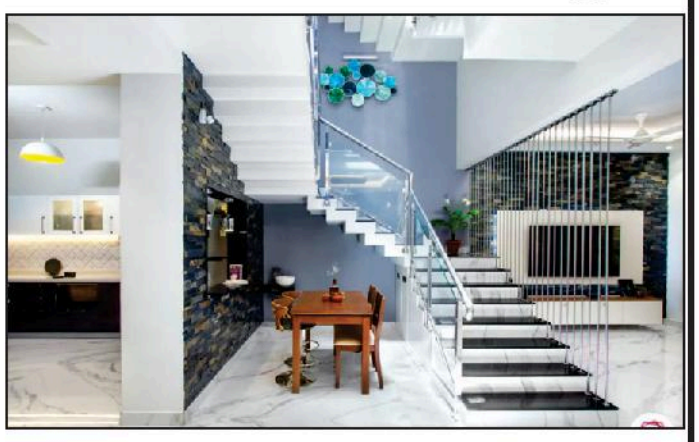
Feng Shui and Staircase design



The first mention of Feng Shui dates back to around 300 BC in a book known as "The Book of Burial" which speaks of energy flow and movement and states that "The energy that rides the wind stops at the edge of water and is retained."

Today, Feng Shui is popular globally and many corporate have it as a part of their design element and décor. Traditional Feng Shui originated as a combination of construction methods and astrology. Capital cities in China have been constructed to the rules of Feng Shui.

The principles of Feng Shui for the construction of cities can be found in the book known as "Manual of Crafts" and in it rules for builders were codified. There's evidence that government residences and imperial palaces were built 3,000 years ago in China based on Feng Shui theory.

The Art of "Geo Mancy" was originally used outdoors to locate Emperors' tombs, then later palaces, according to the "lay lines" or the energy grid of the earth, later it was adapted for interior design and décor. This earth science took into account locations of mountains, streams and other natural earthly features. The topography of a site was often likened to a dragon hence the humps of the dragons back were often mountains behind a site that served as protection for the dwelling located strategically according to Feng Shui geomancy.

The internal layout in a building is quite important in ensuring the right Feng Shui to a living space or office. Staircase positioning plays a vital role in ensuring unhindered flow of energy, harmony and aesthetic design. The shape, size, location plays a vital role in determining the type of energy movement in a home or office space.

Staircases are conduits of chi in the home. They are where chi moves from one level of the home to the next level. When your staircase has good Feng Shui, it distributes good fortune to the rest of home. However, when it is bad from a Feng Shui perspective, it spreads harmful energy causing illness, robbery and misfortune.

Some of the general tips as per Feng Shui tenets for designing stairs are:-

• The staircase should be well lit and landings should have up lights and should be bright enough and could be made more interesting with some designs and paintings on wall.

• Stairs should not have hollows or openings in the steps as they symbolize "leakages," making it difficult for residents to hold on to their earnings and wealth.

• The top and bottom of staircases should never face the main door.

• Avoid carpeting your stairs with the colour red, as this said to be bad Feng Shui.

• Avoid water under the stairs either in the form of storage or aquariums.

• Avoid locating the staircase in the center of the home.

• Stairs should never start or end in front of a toilet.

• Avoid a spiral staircase, as this resembles a corkscrew. These are more harmful when located in the middle of the home.

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SWR Mysuru Division records exceptional loading in April 2021

Mysuru, May 3- Seamless operation of freight services by Indian Railways in the face of severe crisis brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic has been largely responsible for maintaining the supply chains across the country intact. Movement of essential commodities, medical supplies, perishables, etc.., round-the-clock has helped in stabilising the market situation to a considerable extent. In the process, Indian Railways have been able to click a higher freight revenue to meet the operational expenditure of running passenger services even with very lower occupancy.

The Business Development Unit (BDU) devised in the South Western Railway (SWR) Mysuru Division to revitalise the freight segment in this critical situation is delivering admirably not only in bridging the deficit in revenue and to further enable ease of doing business .

With sustainable marketing efforts of the Business Development Unit of Mysuru Division, under the leadership of Rahul Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager and his team, the division has achieved a record loading in the month of April 2021.

The division loaded 0.703 Million Tonnes (MT) of freight as against 0.094 million tonnes in the corresponding period of last year — an increase of 648% amid the raging pandemic exerting enormous pressure in safe operations. The freight revenue of Rs.59.21 crore as against 5.90 crores last year — a growth of 903%. Similarly, the parcel revenue has also witnessed an upward trend with the division grossing revenue Rs.0.47 crore for the month of April 2021 in comparison to Rs.0.03 crore in April 2020.

The division loaded its traditional commodities like iron-ore, petroleum products, cement, food grains like maize and sugar, etc. from various stations like Nanjangud, Sasalu, Ranibennur, Amravati Colony, Ammasandra Siding, Minerals Enterprises Ltd (MMEC) siding.

Rahul Agarwal has called upon all Railway men and women to relentlessly strive for scaling newer heights in contributing to the efforts of the Government in providing succour to the needy. He reiterated that all necessary measures were in place for sustaining the pace in freight operations in the coming months, according to a press release from Dr. Manjunath Kanamadi, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, SWR Mysuru Division.

Hotspot villages in Mandya district sealed

Mandya, May 3 (Mohan Raj & DM)- With the district witnessing a sudden surge in COVID cases and a rise in the number of deaths, the Mandya district administration has started seal-down of villages, which have turned out as Corona Hotspots in the past couple of days.

The seal-down of Hotspot villages has started in Mandya, Srirangapatna and Pandavapura taluks, which are the worst affected in the district. The respective taluk administration after sealing down the villages, have declared them as Containment Zones.

Concerned over villages reporting more than 20 cases a day, the district administration has ordered seal-down of such villages which report more than 20 cases and accordingly the Tahsildars are visiting such villages for an inspection.

Keelara, Basaralu, Huliwana, Kottathi, Soonaganahalli and Holalu villages in Mandya taluk, Arakere in Srirangapatna taluk and several villages in Pandavapura taluk which reported a high number of COVID-19 positive cases, have been sealed down so far.

Mandya Tahsildar Chandrashekar Shangali said that 8 villages in Mandya taluk have been sealed so far and declared as Containment Zones. Pointing out that the taluk administration will supply essentials to areas declared as Containment Zone, he said that a task-force has been formed to ensure essential supplies and to monitor compliance of COVID -19 safety and precautionary measures. Also, COVID War Rooms have been set up, he added.

DC wants infrastructure

improvement at T. Narasipur Hospital

T. Narasipur, May 3 (SK&DM)- Stating that T. Narasipur taluk has the highest number of Corona cases among all taluks of the district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri has stressed on the need for infrastructure improvement at T. Narasipur taluk Hospital.

Speaking to presspersons after reviewing the measures taken for control of the spread of the virus at the Taluk Hospital here recently, Rohini Sindhuri said that it is alarming to note that the taluk has been reporting the highest number of cases in the district. Highlighting the immediate need for infrastructure improvement at the Hospital for the treatment of the deadly virus, the DC suggested setting up of COVID Care Centres at Hobli-level in order to check the spread of the virus.

Asserting that Mysuru district has topped the country in COVID vaccination, she said that all eligible people must get vaccinated in order to be safe. Maintaining that getting vaccinated will help in decreasing the intensity of the attack, the DC said that T. Narasipur taluk has recorded over 70 percent vaccination drive so far, which is a good sign.

Stating that the district has been witnessing shortage of oxygenated beds, ventilators and ICUs during the current second wave of attack, Rohini said that the district has been witnessing problems as many patients from neighbouring and other districts are getting admitted here. Contending that the district administration is taking all necessary measures to ensure that there is no shortage of medical oxygen, she directed the authorities to take appropriate measures for preventing deaths.

Referring to sanitisation, the DC said that sanitisation was not an important measure in the battle against the deadly virus in the second wave of attack. Noting that widespread sanitisation was being done when the pandemic first broke out in March last year, she said that sanitisation has proved not be much effective in the battle against the virus. Pointing out that the SOPs and medication has changed for the second wave, she asked the people to stay at homes and be safe.

Reacting to complaints that a garment factory in the town was violating COVID guidelines, she warned that the factory will be shut if more than five cases of violations are registered.

SP C.B. Ryshyanth said that based on the district administration's direction, Kodagahalli village in the taluk has been declared as a Containment Zone. Pointing out that the villagers have been asked not to venture out, he said that the village is being made into a no-traffic zone on the lines of Nanjangud last year. Stating that 150 two-wheelers found unnecessarily travelling on roads leading to the village have been seized so far, he said that more than 250 people have been penalised for not wearing mask. The SP warned of registering cases against those found loitering in the Containment Zone for no reason.

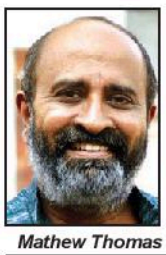
Taluk Health Officer Dr. Ravikumar, Taluk Hospital Administrative Officer Dr. Jagannath, Tahsildar D. Nagesh, TMC Chief Officer Ashok, Dr. Chetankumar, Dr. Mahendra, Rajanna and others were present.

JD(S) wins two seats in Kerala Assembly polls

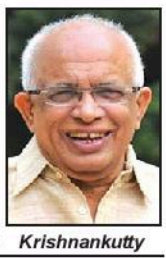
Thiruvananthapuram, May 3- JD(S) has bagged two seats in the recently held Kerala Assembly elections for which the counting was held yesterday.

While Mathew T. Thomas won from Thiruvalla Constituency, K. Krishnankutty has won from Chittur Constituency.

Mathew T. Thomas of JD(S) won against KC(J) candidate Kunju Koshy Paul by 11,421 votes. Key candidates who contested from Thiruvalla Constituency were Mathew T. Thomas of JD(S), Kunju Koshy Paul of KC(J) and Ashokan Kulanada of BJP.



Mathew Thomas



Krishnankutty

Thiruvalla Assembly Constituency falls in Thiruvananthapuram (Travancore) region and Pathanamthitta district of Kerala that went to the polls in a single phase on Apr. 6, 2021. In the 2016 Assembly polls, Mathew T.. Thomas had won the Thiruvalla seat by defeating Joseph M. Puthussery of Kerala Congress (KECM) by a margin of 8,262 votes. Mathew had also won the seat in 2011 against KECM candidate Victor T. Thomas by a margin of 10,767 votes.

K. Krishnankutty, who won from Chittur Constituency, defeated his nearest rival Sumesh Achuthan of Congress by a margin of 33,878 votes.

In the 2016 Assembly election, K. Krishnankutty polled 69,270 votes, defeating sitting MLA K. Achuthan, who had received 61,985 votes. BJP nominee M. Sasikumar came third with 12,537 votes.

No power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, May 3- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow from 10 am to 5 pm in the following areas: Kumbarakoppal, Toll-Gate, MG Koppal, Hebbal 1st and 2nd stages, Sankranthi Circle, Kaveri Circle, Mayura Circle, Abhishek Circle, Madegowda Circle, Sangam Circle, Hampi Circle, Lakshmikanthanagar Military Quarters and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

Obituary

Mumtaz Begum

Mysuru, May 3- Mumtaz Begum (86), wife of retired Dy.SP late Abdul Karim, mother of late Sub-Inspector Shakeel Ahmed, who was killed by forest brigand Veerappan in 1992 and a resident of Yadavagiri, passed away on May 1 due to age related illness.

She leaves behind three sons, seven daughters and a host of relatives. Namaz-e-Janaza was held on May 1 after Asar prayers followed by the burial the Muslim Burial Grounds in city.

Nandeesh

Nandeesh (42), Manager at Vani Vilas Water Works and a resident of T.K. Layout, passed away this morning following brief illness.

He leaves behind his parents, wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native place Nagathihalli today, according to sources.

Ramu

Ramu (59), a resident of T.K. Layout, passed away yesterday following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Mohan Kumari, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam yesterday evening.

Abdul Rehaman

Abdul Rehaman (57), Secretary of Masjid Aqsa Managing Committee and a resident of Rajendranagar, Kesare, passed away yesterday morning following cardiac arrest. He leaves behind his wife one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place yesterday at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Syed Ashaq Ahamed

Syed Ashaq Ahamed (50), a resident of Rajivnagar, passed away on Apr. 29 in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place on Apr. 29 at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Puttanna

Puttanna (73), a theatre artiste and a resident of K.R. Vanam, passed away on Apr. 29 in city.

He leaves behind one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed on Apr. 30.

Mahadevamma

Nanjangud: Mahadevamma (58), a Zilla Panchayat member from Tandavapura segment and a resident of Kempisiddanahundi, passed away on Saturday night. Mahadevamma had gone into depression following the death of her son Yogesh, a Gram Panchayat Member a week back.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm land on Saturday evening.

Patel Doreswamy

Patel Doreswamy (82), BJP leader and a resident of Dasanur village in the taluk, passed away on Saturday at the village.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the family's farm land in Dasanur.

V.B. Ramanna

V.B. Ramanna (65), retired senior engineer at Railways and a resident of Kadakola in the taluk passed away.

He leaves behind his wife Vedavathi, son Karthik and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru.

H.A. Channappa

Periyapatna: H.A. Channappa (81), retired Town Municipal Council Revenue Inspector and a resident of Topinakola, passed away on Saturday night.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons including Contractor Puttu, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed yesterday at Periyapatna Burial Grounds.

WORD OF THE DAY

Rococo

Pronunciation: ruh-KOH-koh.
Meaning: Of or relating to an artistic style especially of the 18th century characterized by fanciful curved asymmetrical forms and elaborate ornamentation; of or relating to an 18th century musical style marked by light gay ornamentation and departure from thoroughbass and polyphony; excessively ornate or intricate.
Origin: In the 18th century, French artists rebelled against the ponderousness of baroque style and began to create light, delicate interior decorations, furniture, and architectural elements characterized by fanciful, curved, asymmetrical forms and elaborate ornamentation. The name of their new style, rococo, has been traced to the French rocaille, a term that evoked the ornamental use of rock and shell forms. In time, rococo was also applied to similarly ornamented and intimate styles of painting and music. But all fashions fade, and by the mid-1800s the rococo style was deemed excessively ornate and out-of-date. Now rococo is often used with mild disdain to describe the overly elaborate.
Example: Among the items being auctioned off is a beautiful set of six chairs carved in a rococo style.

THE ODD WORD

Rackrent

Excessive rent.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Rain on your parade

Meaning: The phrase 'rain on (my) parade' is an idiom that means to have one's enjoyable time be ruined by something, such as hearing disappointing news.
Origin: It's believed that this phrase originated from a popular 1964 song called "Don't Rain on my Parade," written by Bob Merrill and composed by Jule Styne. I am unable to find the phrase in print from before that year, which suggests it originated around that time. There are several newspapers from the year 1964 that reference the song. For example, in the Cumberland Evening Times of that year, a part in it reads:
"Composer Jule Stype and lyricist – Bob Merrill are at the top in their specialities, and they have provided several good songs . . . But they have let Miss Stresiand down in two vital numbers, 'Don't Rain on my Parade' and 'Who Are You Now?' with the result that the show suffers."
Later, the phrase started to be used figuratively. For instance, the following example is from a magazine called Mademoiselle, 1969:
"And the next day, when five members of Parliament drop into Boston unexpectedly, and the sound system for a dark dedication is lost en route, and it looks like it might rain on her parade, she'll need that extra time."

QUOTE BOX

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.—**Helen Keller**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: A clumsy mistake.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Phir __ Dil Hai Hindustani?
4 Lair
7 Battleground
9 Plant parts
12 Packs tightly, forces or crams?
13 Tiny island
14 Inflammation of the ear
15 Large country homes
17 Prohibition or proscription
18 The senior member of a group or a community
20 Of last month, in short, in correspondence
21 ___ Lynn : the famous singer?
22 An old Irish alphabet
23 Discontinue or stop (4,3,4)
27 A feudal slave
28 Foul-smelling
29 PC panic button
30 Vacuum tube
32 Simian?
35 Iran's capital
37 Wore away
39 Head ornament
40 Rub roughly, abrade
41 ____ cake : light sponge cake?
42 Sports groups
43 Above sea level
44 Satellite Landing Sys.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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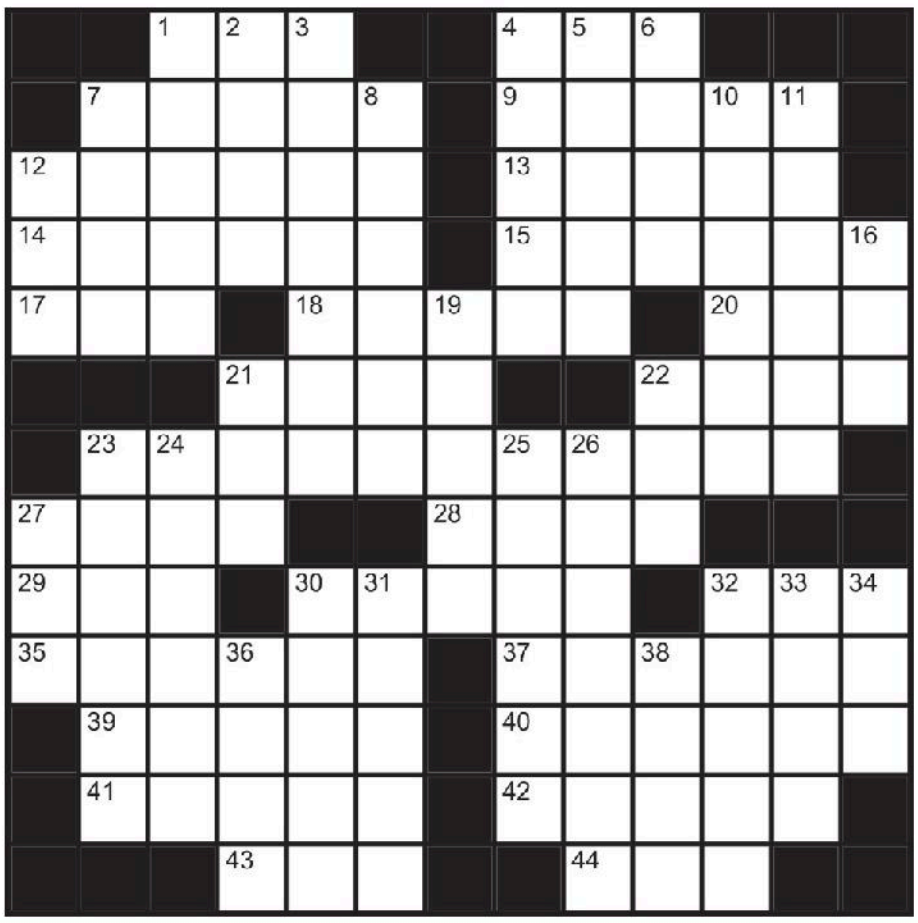
DOWN

1 Name for a bear - "rub in" anagram?
2 Lift or elevate
3 Unbeliever
4 Tee shot
5 A red dye - "noise" anagram ?
6 Oliver familiarised; top of the head
7 Indian wheaten flour
8 Arrange or classify; mix
10 Use it to communicate in Hyderabad?
11 German prison camp
12 Weep convulsively
16 Master of Sacred Theology, deg.
19 Coarse brute
21 Very Low Frequency
22 No longer new
23 Former monetary unit of Spain?
24 Ragged youngster
25 First born
26 Penetrates
27 Fix in position
30 Ventures or hazards
31 All __ __ : as a whole? (2,3)
32 Ex-Windies skipper Jimmy ___
33 ___ up : enthuses or elates
34 Dutch commune
36 Musical form in Hindustani classical music
38 By word of mouth



SUDOKO

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Answer to previous puzzle

8	7	4	3	9	2	5	1	6
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4	3	2	1	8	7	9	6	5
6	8	5	2	3	9	7	4	1
7	1	9	5	4	6	8	2	3
5	6	7	8	2	4	1	3	9
1	4	8	9	6	3	2	5	7
9	2	3	7	5	1	6	8	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

JTBUQGW EO LAQX E KMJ FW PEXUQT. KIFQGW EO LAQX

WIM LBZN EXJI BX IYQX OQLQT BXG GEQ - FQZ RTIINO

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers.

Dhawan's fifty guides DC to 7-wicket win over PBKS

Ahmedabad, May 3 (UNI) - Shikhar Dhawan's fantastic fifty guided Delhi Capitals (DC) to a comfortable 7-wicket win over Punjab Kings (PBKS) in the 29th match of the IPL 2021, here on Sunday.

Put into bat, stand-in skipper Mayank Agarwal scored an unbeaten 58-ball 99 as Punjab Kings posted 166/6 in 20 overs. Besides Agarwal, Dawid Malan contributed with run-a-ball 26.

For DC, Kagiso Rabada (3/36) claimed three wickets, while Avesh Khan (1/39) and Axar Patel (1/21) picked one wicket apiece.

In reply, Shikhar Dhawan top-scored with an unbeaten 47-ball 69 as Delhi Capitals chased down the target in 17.4 overs.

Apart from Dhawan, opener Prithvi Shaw (39) and Steven Smith (24) also contributed with the bat for DC.

Riley Meredith (1/35), Chris Jordan (1/21), Harpreet Brar (1/19) were the wicket takers for Punjab.

With this victory, Delhi Capitals stormed to the top of the IPL 2021 points table, with 6 wins from 8 matches.

BRIEF SCORES

Punjab Kings: 166 for 6 in 20 overs (Mayank Agarwal 99 not out; Kagiso Rabada 2/36).

Delhi Capitals: 167 for 3 in 17.4 overs (Shikhar Dhawan 69 not out; Riley Meredith 1/35).

PBKS skipper Rahul diagnosed with acute appendicitis

Ahmedabad, May 3 (UNI)- Punjab Kings (PBKS) skipper K.L. Rahul has been hospitalised and will go undergo a surgery as he was diagnosed with acute appendicitis, the IPL franchise revealed on Sunday.

PBKS announced the news on Twitter ahead of their clash against Delhi Capitals (DC) at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, on Sunday.

"K.L. Rahul complained of severe abdomen pain last night and after not responding to medication, he was taken to emergency room for further tests which revealed that he was diagnosed with acute appendicitis," the franchise said in a statement.

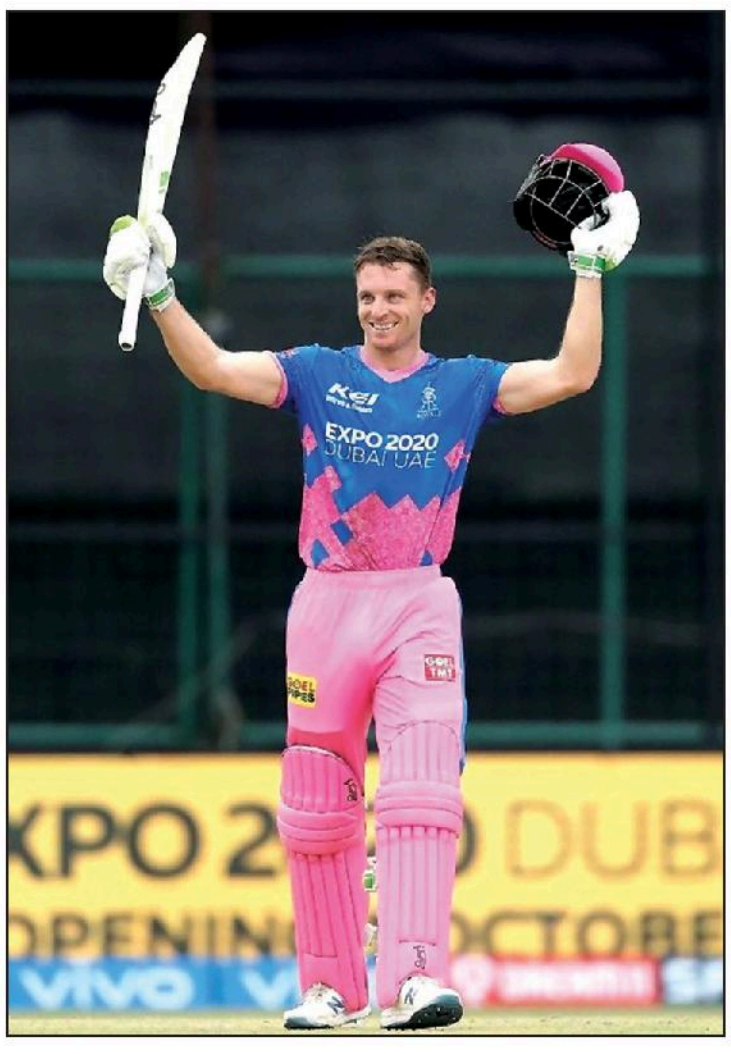
"It will be resolved surgically and for safety measures, he has been transferred to the hospital for the same," it added.

Rahul, who is currently the leading run-scorer of the tournament with 331 runs from seven games at an average of 66.20 including four half-centuries, is likely to be out of action for the foreseeable future.

Upon full recovery from his surgical procedure, he'll also have to serve a quarantine period if and when he returns to the Punjab Kings bio-bubble.

Punjab Kings, who have never won the IPL, are placed fifth on the points table with three wins from seven games.

Buttler's ton leads RR to 55-run win against SRH



New Delhi, May 3 (UNI) - Jos Buttler's scintillating maiden hundred powered Rajasthan Royals (RR) to 55-run win over Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the 29th match of the IPL 2021, here on Sunday.

Put into bat, opener Jos Buttler smashed a 64-ball 124, while skipper Sanju Samson made 48 off 33 balls as RR posted a huge total of 220/3 in the stipulated 20 overs.

For SRH, spinner Rashid Khan (1/24), Vijay Shankar (1/31) and Sandeep Sharma (1/50) took one wicket each.

Chasing a record 221 for victory, Hyderabad got off to a superb start as Manish Pandey and Jonny Bairstow added 57 runs in just 6.1 overs before Mustafizur Rahman cleaned up Pandey on 31.

Bairstow was the next SRH batsman to depart as Rahul Tewatia accounted for his wicket. Kane Williamson's first outing as SRH captain in IPL 2021 was far from impressive as the Kiwi batsman scored a 21-ball 20 before Kartik Tyagi removed him.

In the end, SRH were restricted to 165 for 8 in the 20 overs and lost the match by 55 runs.

Mustafizur Rahman (3/20) and Chris Morris (3/29) picked three wickets each, while Kartik Tyagi (1/32) and Rahul Tewatia (1/45) took one apiece.

With the win, the Royals moved up to fifth spot while SRH continued to stay at the bottom, having won only one match all season.

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SRH - 165 / 8 (20)

PBKS - 166 / 6 (20)
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MCC hunts for new sites for cremation, burial

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According to MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj as the burial ground near Tipu Circle lacks space, the dead bodies are being taken to the burial ground in Gowrishankarnagar at the foot of Chamundi Hill for the last rites.

Dr. Nagaraj

Meanwhile, a 5.9-acre land has been identified at Rammanahalli. Once the existing burial ground becomes full, dead bodies will be shifted to Rammanahalli Burial Ground for the last rites. Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith also visited the spot to see the preparations.

It takes one-and-a-half hours for a body to burn completely in gas and electric burners, but it takes three to four hours for the body to burn using firewood.

To check fleecing by ambulance drivers, the district administration has stationed four vehicles exclusively for shifting the bodies of COVID victims to crematoriums or burial grounds. These vehicles are available at the Office of the District Health Officer (DHO), Nazarbad and at MCC premises. Even if death occurs in private hospitals, the DHO Office or the COVID Control Room must be informed to arrange hearse to shift the body.

To monitor this, the Deputy Commissioner has appointed Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed, Dr. Anil Christy and Dr. D.G. Nagaraj as Nodal Officers to supervise the last rites. These Officers are working in tandem to help families at the time of distress.

Dr. Nagaraj told *Star of Mysore* that several measures have been taken to stop fleecing of bereaved family members. "Swindling them in the name of providing vehicles for shifting the dead bodies is inhuman. The District Administration has worked out a strategy to help people who are in need. Ayub Ahmed, who had performed the last rites of several COVID victims last year at a time when relatives were not ready to come near the dead bodies, is helping the administration in this regard," he said.

He said a few days ago, a person in Saraswathipuram died of COVID. "The person was staying in the first floor and he died. Sadly, his neighbours did not come forward to shift the body for cremation. Family members can have the last glimpse of their near and dear ones by wearing PPE kit,s but many leave everything on officers and go home," Dr. Nagaraj rued.

Recently, a Taluk Health Officer was booked for shifting the body of a COVID victim in a private ambulance, he added.

COVID Isolation Care Centre opens in Gokulam

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But unfortunately, the situation seemed to have gone out of control in Chamarajanagar, MP Pratap Simha said adding that he was deeply pained to learn this morning that 24 critical patients allegedly died for want of oxygen.

Blaming the Chamarajanagar District Administration for negligence in the procurement of oxygen cylinders, Simha said that Mysuru district needs 44 MLT of oxygen and at present the district is getting supplies of only 22 MLT.

Pointing out that there are over 300 COVID patients undergoing treatment at K.R. Hospital, he said that the life of these patients too would have come under severe threat had he not taken measures for oxygen storage and supplies.

Replying to allegations that Mysuru DC had blocked oxygen supplies to other districts, Simha said that Padaki Air Products and Southern Gas Private Limited are the only two medical oxygen manufacturers in the city and the Deputy Commissioner of the district has no powers to allocate oxygen supplies.

Asserting that only the Government has the power to allocate oxygen supplies to districts, the MP reiterated that no DC has any power to block Government allocation of oxygen to whichever district.

MLA L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, Youth Hostel Chairman Ravikumar and others were present during the inauguration of the COVID Isolation Centre in Gokulam.

Later, MP Pratap Simha visited oxygen manufacturers of the city — Padaki Air Products and Southern Gas Private Limited, both in Hebbal Industrial Area and inspected the production, storage and distribution processes in the two units. He appealed the manufacturers to scale up production and supply oxygen as per the needs of the district.

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